

Amendments to the specification

At page 2, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 7 as follows:

This application is a continuation of United States Serial Number 09/229,037, filed January 12, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,534,261 from which priority is claimed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120, and the disclosure of which ~~application~~ is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.